

REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims are made to remove the multiple dependencies and reference numerals, and to change the phrase "characterized in that" to "wherein". The title has been amended to conform to the translated application. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the title and claims as amended.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

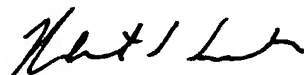
Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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